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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional  
☐ continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of  
pending prior Application No. 09/125,452 filed on August 19,  
1998, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by  
reference,  
by

KAJIURA, Yoshio; KUSAKABE, Tetsuya; and ISSHIKI, Nobuyuki  
for

NON-AQUEOUS ELECTROLYTE SECONDARY BATTERY

- ☒ Enclosed is an application consisting of specification,  
claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if  
applicable).
- ☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

|   | BASIC FEE       |                 | LARGE ENTITY  | SMALL ENTITY  |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
|   | NUMBER<br>FILED | NUMBER<br>EXTRA | RATE      FEE | RATE      FEE |
| <b>TOTAL<br/>CLAIMS</b>   | 2-20 =          | 0               | x 18 = \$0.00 | x 9 = \$0.00  |
| <b>INDEPENDENT<br/>CLAIMS</b>                                   | 1-3 =           | 0               | x 80 = \$0.00 | x 40 = \$0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT<br>CLAIMS PRESENTED |                 |                 | + \$270.00    | + \$135.00    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  |                 |                 | \$710.00      | \$0.00        |

3. ☒ A check in the amount of \$710.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4. ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:

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a. ☒ --This application is a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 09/125,452, filed on August 19, 1998, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120; and this application claims priority of Application No. 8-343166 filed in JAPAN on December 24, 1996 under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--

b. ☐ --This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 09/125,452, filed on August 19, 1998 and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Application No. 09/125,452 is the national phase of PCT International Application No. PCT/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 35 U.S.C. § 371. The entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference. This application also claims priority of Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--

6. ☒ Enclosed is/are two (2) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
- 7a. ☐ A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/125,452 on \_\_\_\_\_. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
- 7b. ☐ The current application qualifies for small entity status.
8. ☒ The prior application is assigned to Kao Corporation.
9. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 10a. ☐ Priority of Application No(s). \_\_\_\_\_ filed in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10b. ☐ Priority of International Appln. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and \_\_\_\_\_ Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ under 35 U.S.C. § 119 are hereby reclaimed.
11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
12. ☒ Address all future communications to:  
  
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13. ☐ An extension of time for \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) month(s) until \_\_\_\_\_ has been submitted in parent Application No. 09/125,452 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.
14. ☐ Also enclosed herewith is the following:  
  
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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